★ Re-elect ★

Joseph V. Melillo

NORTH WARD

COUNCILMAN

LAWYER & CIVIC LEADER

Continue Leadership and Service

★ Vote C24 ★

BIOGRAPHY OF JOSEPH V. MELILLO

North Ward Councilman Joseph V. Melillo was born and raised in the North Ward of the City of Newark. He is now forty-five years of age, and makes his home at 320 Ridge Street with his wife, the former Ruth Irene Deffley, and their two boys — Nicholas George, ten years old, and Robert Joseph, eight years old. Though losing his sight at the age of twelve, Melillo, nevertheless, continued his education in the public schools of Newark and was graduated from Barringer High School in 1935 at the head of his class. In 1939 he received his A.B. degree as a major in government, also at the head of his class, from Rutgers Newark College of Arts and Sciences, and two years later his LL.B. degree fourth in his class from Rutgers Law School. He served as president of the student council in both divisions of the University, the highest elective office attainable. He was admitted to the New Jersey Bar as an attorney at law in 1941 and as a counsellor at law in 1944. In 1957 he was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. He has been engaged in the successful practice of law in Newark since his admission in 1941. He was elected North Ward Councilman of the City of Newark in 1958 and is currently seeking re-election to that important office.

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member of the St. Lucy Holy Name Society and of Knights of Columbus Lady of Fatima Council 5184. Former president of the Newark Lions Host Club and of the Newark Civic Clubs Council. Former vice president of the Rutgers Alumni Federation, former president of Rutgers Newark College Alumni Association, and member of the Law School Alumni Council. Member of the Board of Trustees of the Boys' Clubs of Newark and past president of its Broadway Unit Advisory Board. Former first vice president of the Associated Community Council of Newark which, with Mrs. R. Neal Owens, he helped to found. Partner with Mrs. Owens in the establishment of the Branch Brook Park skating rink. 1956 general chairman of Newark's 4th of July celebration, 1957 chairman of Newark's Annual Youth Week Celebration, 1958 chairman of Newark's "I Am An American Day" celebration, and 1959 chairman of North Ward drive for the Mentally Retarded. Former president of the N. J. Foundation for the Blind and counsel to the New Jersey Blinded Veterans Association. Member of Phi Beta Kappa. Counsel to the Megaro Welfare Association. Recipient of the Rutgers Alumni Medal, and the Newark Lions Host Club and N. J. Foundation for the Blind service awards. Member of the Essex County and N. J. Bar Associations; Former member of the Speakers Bureau of United Appeals and American Red Cross. Member of the Newark Lodge's Order of Moose and of Spina Welfare Association.

ACHIEVEMENTS COUNCILMAN MELILLO HELPED TO ATTAIN FOR THE NORTH WARD

(A Record of Performance and Service)

Imminent construction of the new Barringer, compre-sive, 2400 student capacity, High School. Completion new Garfield School wing. Agreement to depress East-West Freeway. Procuring much-needed vice principal at Broadway Elementary School. Installation of private showers at Rotonda Pool — voicing of vigorous protest to their being subsequently closed to adult use. Procuring rare type O-negative blood on a New Year's Day for patient desperately ill at Martland Medical Center. Better lighting and traffic control signals and signs. Two neighborhood parking lots in Roseville, one on Broadway and Bloomfield Avenue, and one in Branch Brook Park. Housing for the elderly at Stephen Crane Village. Occasional jobs for constituents. Replacement of storm and sanitary sewers. Re-routed No. 9 Clifton bus from narrow Ridge Street. Handled many complaints of relief clients and concerning removal of snow, trees, and health hazards. Ordinance for one-way street traffic pattern on some North Ward streets.

CITY-WIDE PROJECTS COUNCILMAN MELILLO ADVOCATED OR SUPPORTED

Charlottesburg Reservoir to increase Newark's water supply. Military Park Underground Parking Garage, Market Street parking lot, and neighborhood parking lots. Cultural and college centers. Homestead exemption for small home owners. Preservation of first residence areas. Defeat of movement to return Newark to discredited commission form of government. Enactment of Housing and Rooming House Ordinance and Air Pollution Control Ordinance. $750,000,000 redevelopment program for Newark with sports center and convention hall. Widening McCarter Highway and realigning Mulberry Street.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

Councilman Melillo Promises to:

1. Preserve and improve our residential areas.
2. Obtain a more centrally located police station and establish police reporting sub-stations in the North Ward.
3. Continue to improve the traffic and parking conditions.
4. Complete the street lighting program now well under way.
5. Expedite the redevelopment program, cultural and college centers, and sports center and convention hall.
6. Obtain school playgrounds where needed.
7. Procure true middle income housing with state participation.
8. Continue the fight to obtain homestead exemptions from the state legislature.
9. Continue the effort to connect Verona Avenue.
10. Endeavor to promote industrial redevelopment in the Erie Railroad area thru rezoning non-conforming uses to prevent the spread of blight and to enlarge industrial opportunities in the Heller Field and Verona Avenue complexes.

Councilman Joseph V. Melillo with his wife, Ruth, and their two boys, Robert Joseph and Nicholas George

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